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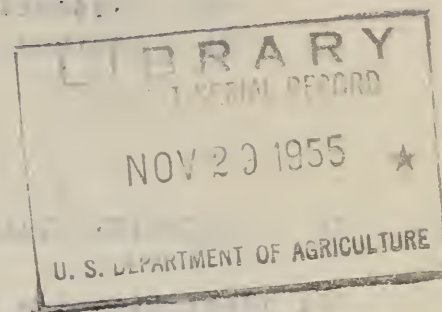
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ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 501.9

To : ADE and MI Branch Stations  
From : Asa Winter, Acting Chief of Branch  
Subject: Cattle Ear Tags



I PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a procedure for procuring all cattle identification, vaccination and reactor ear tags, and to outline the proposed new nation-wide uniform ear tagging plan.

II UNIFORM EARTAGGING PLAN

The new proposed uniform eartagging plan will be placed in effect with all identification and vaccination tags ordered hereafter by Branch stations. Contracts under negotiation at this time specify delivery of tags of this type. Each state, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and Alaska have been assigned a code number to be used with a series of letters and additional numbers, i.e., 52AAA0001 through 52ZZZ9999 (52 is the code number for Virginia).

III CODE NUMBERS

The following code numbers are assigned and shall be used as the prefix numbers on all identification and vaccination ear tags ordered by Branch Stations for use in each respective State:

64 - Alabama	47 - Nebraska
86 - Arizona	88 - Nevada
71 - Arkansas	12 - New Hampshire
93 - California	22 - New Jersey
84 - Colorado	85 - New Mexico
16 - Connecticut	21 - New York
50 - Delaware	55 - North Carolina
58 - Florida	45 - North Dakota
57 - Georgia	31 - Ohio
82 - Idaho	73 - Oklahoma
33 - Illinois	92 - Oregon
32 - Indiana	23 - Pennsylvania
42 - Iowa	15 - Rhode Island
48 - Kansas	56 - South Carolina
61 - Kentucky	46 - South Dakota
72 - Louisiana	63 - Tennessee
11 - Maine	74 - Texas



51 - Maryland  
14 - Massachusetts  
34 - Michigan  
41 - Minnesota  
65 - Mississippi  
43 - Missouri  
81 - Montana

87 - Utah  
13 - Vermont  
52 - Virginia  
91 - Washington  
54 - West Virginia  
35 - Wisconsin  
83 - Wyoming

96 - Alaska  
95 - Hawaii  
94 - Puerto Rico

#### IV IDENTIFICATION TAGS

All identification tags procured by the Branch will hereafter have the legend "US-ADE" on the bottom side, and the serial number on the top side, such as: 52AAA0001. Identification tags will be made of plain, rust-resistant metal.

#### V VACCINATION TAGS

All vaccination tags procured by the Branch will hereafter have the legend "US-VAC" on the bottom side, and the serial number on the top side, such as: 52AAB001. It will be noted that the same series of numbers are used for both identification and vaccination ear tags. Where a vaccination tag is in an animal's ear, it is not necessary to insert an identification tag also. The serial number on the vaccination tag should be used for both identification and vaccination recording purposes. Vaccination tags will be made of an orange-colored, rust-resistant metal.

#### VI REACTOR TAGS

All reactor tags procured by the Branch will hereafter have the legend "US", plus the State's abbreviation and the word "REACTOR" on the bottom side and the serial number on the top side. Due to the fact that reactor tags are usually in use only a short period of time, the numbering system outlined above for identification and vaccination tags will not be used. Reactor tags will be made of a red-colored, rust-resistant metal. The red reactor tag will be used for identification of brucellosis, tuberculosis, and paratuberculosis reacting animals.

#### VII REQUISITION

Requests for identification, vaccination and reactor ear tags to be procured from Branch funds shall be forwarded direct to the Washington office of the Branch on Form AS-1.

#### VIII SERIAL NUMBER RECORD KEEPING

Each request for tags should indicate the series of numbers for your state. A record book should be maintained to prevent duplication of numbers. Upon receipt of requests for tags in this office, a record will be made of the series of numbers ordered for your station as a double check against duplication.

X PURCHASES BY STATE OFFICIALS

If the cooperating State officials use this numbering system when purchasing identification and vaccination ear tags, every effort should be made to assure no duplication of tag numbers. It is proposed that one set of books be kept in each State which will reflect the status of tags ordered by both State and Federal officials, and the block of numbers assigned to each order. When State officials purchase ear tags from State funds using this numbering system, this office should be notified so that the record book in this office may be kept up to date. For your information, there is enclosed a memorandum to all State Extension Dairymen concerning the use of the new Uniform Eartagging Plan.

XI GENERAL

Some misunderstanding apparently exists at a few stations concerning the purchase of identification and vaccination ear tags in view of ADE Branch Notice dated May 9, 1955. It is not the intent of the Branch to purchase all identification and vaccination tags for the purposes outlined herein. However, if the State desires to purchase ear tags as they have done heretofore, it would advance the objectives of the Uniform Eartagging Plan if they would cooperate in using the numbering system outlined above.

Enclosure

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